

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~7-11, 13, 14 and 16-24~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims ~~12~~ and 15 as follows:

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12. (Amended) A toothbrush assembly comprising:

- a) a holder being a handle of a toothbrush with a bristle head thereon, said handle having a shape of a body of an animate object and including a first end and a second end, said first end containing expanded vertical and horizontal members taking on a shape of arms making up part of said body of said animate object and said second end containing expanded vertical and horizontal members taking on a shape of legs and ankles of said body of said animate object;
- b) a stand to retain said holder in an upright position, said stand having a shape of a pair of feet matching said body of said animate object and including a base on which said pair of feet are mounted, both said feet and said stand each including a slot for receiving said second end of said handle and said stand; and
- c) a cover to fit over said bristle head [of said toothbrush] when not in use, so that said bristle head will remain sanitary and hygienic, in which said cover will keep airborne bacteria and dust from settling upon said bristle head [of said toothbrush], will prevent fingers of a person from touching said bristle head [with the fingers], to transfer

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[over] ever present bacteria thereto and said cover in place will indicate that said bristle head is kept clean and is not to be touched.

*Claim 15, line 1, please change "13" to --12--.*

*Please add claims 27-45 as follows:*

*--27. A toothbrush assembly comprising:*

- a) a handle in a shape of a torso of an animate object, said handle having a first end, a second end and a bristle head extending from a side of said first end; and*
- b) a stand extending from said second end of said handle for retaining said handle in a vertical position when placed on a horizontal surface, said stand having a shape of feet matching said shape of said handle, said feet extending in a same direction as said bristle head and torso.--*

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*--28. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, further comprising a cover having a shape of a head matching said shape of said handle for selectively covering said bristle head.--*

*--29. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein said stand is releasably connected to said handle.--*

--30. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 29, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand for providing additional stability to said stand.--

--31. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 29, wherein said stand includes a recess extending therethrough at a heel of said feet for selectively receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

--32. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 30, wherein said stand includes a recess extending therethrough at a heel of said feet for selectively receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

--33. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 32, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and aligned with said recess in said stand for selectively receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

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--34. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein said first end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of arms extending therefrom.--

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--35. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 33, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs matching said torso.--

--36. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 27, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs matching said torso.--

--37. A toothbrush assembly comprising:

- a) a handle having a first end, a second end and a bristle head extending from a side of said first end; and
- b) a stand including a recess extending therethrough for selectively receiving said second end of said handle and thereby releasably connecting said stand to said second end of said handle for retaining said handle in a vertical position when placed on a horizontal surface, said stand having a shape of feet, said feet extending in a same direction as said bristle head.--

--38. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said handle is in a shape of a torso of an animate object matching said shape of said feet and further comprising a cover having a shape of a head matching said shape of said handle for selectively covering said bristle head.--

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--39. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said recess is positioned at a heel of said feet.--

--40. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 39, further comprising a base connected to a bottom side of said stand for providing additional stability to said stand.--

--41. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said first end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of arms extending therefrom.--

--42. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 37, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs.--

--43. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein said first end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of arms extending therefrom matching said torso.--

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--44. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 38, wherein said second end of said handle further includes expanded vertical and horizontal members having a shape of legs matching said torso.--

--45. The toothbrush assembly as claimed in claim 40, wherein said base includes a recess extending therethrough and in alignment with said recess in said stand for receiving said second end of said handle therein.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 12, 15, and 25-45 are pending in the application. In response to this Office Action claims 7-11, 13, 14, and 16-24 have been canceled, claims 27-45 have been added and claims 12 and 15 have been amended.